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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A gutter cover for use with a gutter having a top, outer lip, the cover having a main elongated section, ~~and an outer side section on one side of the main section, and an inner side section on the other side of the main section,~~ the main section comprising a perforated panel, the outer side section defining a channel that opens away from the main section; the channel defined by a top wall, a bottom wall and an end wall joining the top and bottom walls, the bottom wall of the channel being shorter than the top wall, the channel sized to fit over the outer lip of a gutter; and a gripping surface on the cover on or near the outer side section and extending upwardly; the gripping surface facing away from the channel opening and used to pull the channel over the outer lip of the gutter when installing the cover; the inner side section defining a slot that opens away from the main section; and a flexible flap mounted in the slot and extending away from the main section.

2-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A gutter cover as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein the bottom wall of the channel is aligned with the panel, and the surface of the end wall adjacent the panel forms the gripping surface.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) A gutter cover as claimed in claim 4 wherein the bottom wall has retaining means on its top surface near its outer free end.

7-11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended) A gutter cover as claimed in claim 1 wherein the top wall is aligned with the panel and an abutment wall extends upwardly from the panel or the top wall to provide the gripping surface.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A gutter cover as claimed in claim 2 1 wherein the gutter cover is made from painted aluminum, the aluminum coated with a polyester.

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